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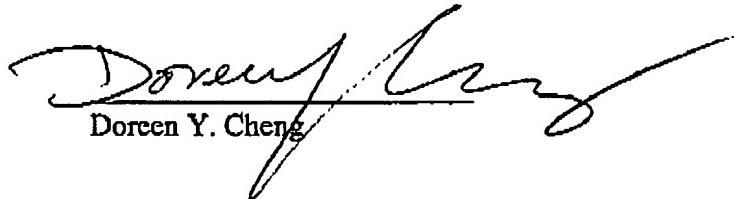
DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.131

Sir:

I am the sole inventor of the subject matter of the referenced U.S. patent application. I hereby declare that I invented the subject matter of this application prior to 24 July 1998. Attached is a copy of drawings that I submitted to the patent department of U.S. Philips corporation, illustrating the principles of this invention. As can be seen on these drawings, the drawings were printed on 15 July 1998.

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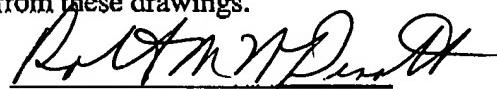
Respectfully submitted,



Doreen Y. Cheng

Sir:

I hereby declare that I am the attorney who prepared the subject application, and that the enclosed drawings were copied from drawings contained in my files, and that I prepared the subject application and claims from these drawings.



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